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NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING  
 The Roosevelt Room, The White House  
 Monday, November 7, 1983  
 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

U.S. Policy Toward the Iran-Iraq War

- I. INTRODUCTION . . . . . Robert C. McFarlane  
(5 minutes)
- II. INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT. . . . . William J. Casey  
(5 minutes)
  - A. Current developments in the latest Iranian offensive
  - B. Iraqi CW weapons capability
- III. DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY. . . . . George P. Shultz  
(10 minutes)
- IV. MILITARY PLANNING AND FORCE  
DEPLOYMENTS. . . . . Caspar Weinberger  
(15 minutes)
  - A. Status of current contingency plans
  - B. Cooperation/collaboration with Gulf Arabs and key Allies
  - C. Force readiness
  - D. Measures to improve U.S. military posture in the region
    - 1. Improving force closure times in light of likely warning indicators of an expanded conflict
    - 2. Precautionary deployments of tactical air and mine countermeasures-forces
- V. DISCUSSION . . . . . Principals  
(15 minutes)
- VI. ISSUES FOR DECISION. . . . . Robert C. McFarlane  
(10 minutes)
  - A. U.S. posture and public positions on Iran-Iraq War
  - B. Consultations with Gulf Arab states
  - C. Consultations with key Allies
  - D. Policy guidance for contingency planning

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Pressures on Iraq.

1. Iraq has been unable to stop Iranian military advances on Kurdestan.

- Capture of Panjin would enable Iran to increase aid to Kurdish dissidents and put them in a position to threaten several additional Iraqi town.
- A major breakthrough there is unlikely - still it damages Saddam's internal position.

2. Still Iraqi secret police has kept contact. Haddam has fired his half brother as head of internal security and is purging the organization.

3. Deterioration of Iraqi's financial position most likely to influence a decision to widen war in the Gulf. Iraq used at least one Mirage F1 on Wednesday for reconnaissance of Iranian port at Bandar-e-Khomeyni - may be preparing to attack port or shipping there or nearby petrochemical complex.

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